

1000 Pupils Need Speech Therapist

Some 950 students with some kind of speech defect were helped by speech therapists in Torrance schools this past year, according to a report to the Board of Education. More than 1020 students will need help next year, it was estimated.

Of those receiving help from therapists, 213 were released from the program because their problem—lisp, stuttering, substitution of sounds, inborn defects, or other difficulties—had been overcome.

Tests are given to all second and ninth graders as well as students new to Torrance schools. As a result of the tests and on recommendations of teachers, therapists may be called in to have sessions with the children. Special classes were offered in all elementary and high schools last year.

Classes also are being given at four elementary schools this summer, with 50 minutes of instruction for the students on alternate days. Otherwise, the children attend regular classes.

O.K. NEW TRACT
Subdivision of four acres south of 22nd St. west of Vermont Ave. into 27 homes by the Meine Construction Co., has been approved by the County Regional Planning Commission.

School Summer Session Ends

Six weeks of study for some 6000 Torrance students will end tomorrow, the last day of summer sessions.

Friday will be the last day of classes until the fall semester begins again on Thursday, Sept. 10. More than 25,000 students are expected to be enrolled in classes this fall. This is an increase of more than 2000 students over the 1958-59 figures.

High school students attended classes for credit and for self-improvement, while elementary students were given a chance to do extra work in fields of interest or need.

Lomita Workman Killed in Blast at San Pedro

A Lomita maintenance man was killed when a large kelp-drying oven exploded in a San Pedro paint factory Monday evening.

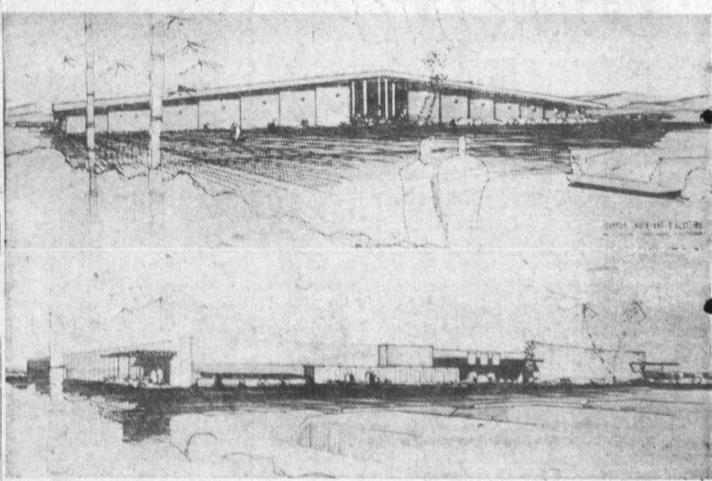
Dead is Arnold W. Benedict, 50, of 25829 Hillworth St. His body was found under the metal front plate of the dryer following a double explosion.

Benedict had just finished his shift and was standing by the machinery when the blast occurred. He ran in front of the dryer as the second and larger explosion took place.

Another man, W. C. Bullette, 60, of Long Beach, received only minor injuries.



SOD BUSTING—Taking a hand in the ground-breaking ceremony Tuesday for the new 40-lane Gable House, Hawthorne Blvd. and 226th St., are the developers, from left, Bernard Sternfeld, Howard Smith, Harry Sternfeld, Bob Lane, Jack Cogan, Ed Spratt and Jack Howard.



BOWLING BOOM—Photo above is of architect's sketch of new 40-lane bowling alley, "The Gable House," to be completed in December at 22600 Hawthorne Blvd., just south of new Bank of America. This new bowling center, as well as the 16-lane addition to the Palos Verdes Bowl, bottom photo, are planned by Jack Howard and Harry Sternfeld, owners of Palos Verdes Bowl at 24600 Crenshaw Blvd.

Women Injured in Auto Crash

Two women were taken to Riviera Hospital Saturday when their car plowed into a power pole at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. Police said that both the driver, Eloise G. Prevatt, 32, of Los Angeles, and her passenger, Dorothy Jesse, 38, of 21102 Anza Ave., received serious injuries in the crash.

Youth Baseball Council Wins First Place in Parade

Winners of the colorful Rancho Days parade Saturday evening were announced by the Chamber of Commerce this week. The Torrance Youth Baseball Council was awarded first prize in the float division for unique display of youth activities in baseball.

Other winners in this division were the Torrance Welcome Wagon, Pilot Club, North Torrance Lions Club, and Ladies of the Elks. The Long Beach Junior Concert Band once again exhibited its class when it copied the first place award in the junior band division.

The Torrance Area Youth Band ran them a close second place followed by the Los Caballeros. The Antlers Drum and Bugle Corps of Sepulveda, California topped first place in the junior drum and bugle corps division and the Fire Control Technicians School Precision Drill Team of the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego won the adult marching unit trophy.

Other winners included junior marching units division—Bishop

Pom Pom Girls—1st; Long Beach Markettes—2nd; and San Gabriel Jr. Marines—3rd. Majorettes, with own music division—Long Beach Youth Band Majorettes—1st; Mary's Hi-Steppers of China—2nd. Silver single, lady—Carolyn Minton—1st; Thelma Kurtz—1st; Ernest Specht—1st; Tex Hammond—2nd; Bill Cleveland—3rd. Spanish silver, pairs—Dr. Phillips and Hazel Kirkpatrick—1st; El Labo and La Charra—2nd. Parade horse, silver not counting—George Sherman—1st; Vern Parson—2nd; and Reg Smith—3rd. Spanish lady—Patricia Minton—1st; Barbara Dillon—2nd; and Dawn Carolyn Rees—3rd. Spanish man—Art Fiese—1st. Spanish pairs—Clyde and Dee Goehring—1st. Mexican or charro—El Charro Russell—1st; Al Folkerson—2nd; and Gil Tapia. Fiesta Class, open—James B. Legg—1st; Diane Beck—2nd; Linda Painter—3rd. Special awards in this division—Leslie Pederson; Barbara Maynard. Indian class, open—Alan Morgan—1st; Sandy Cook—

Break Ground for Bowling Center

Groundbreaking for the 40-lane Gable House bowling center at Hawthorne Blvd and 226th St. was held Tuesday.

The contemporary structure will incorporate in its recreational facilities Brunswick automatic equipment as well as an activities island, containing a coffee shop, restaurant, cocktail lounge, billiard room and other features.

A unique feature will be to allow a view of bowling activities from a dancing and entertainment terrace on the second deck.

The bowling center will be constructed by Jackbilt Corp. managed by Harry Sternfeld.

Winners Named for Rodeo Events

Edwin Neal of Canoga Park, was the all-around winner of the Rancho Days Rodeo, Police Lt. D. C. Cook, chairman announced.

A Torrance youth, John Zamir, 2626 Cabrillo Ave., won second place in the bull-dogging event, which was won by Floyd Baze.

Neal also took first place in the bareback event. Other winners included Jim Haummon, saddle bronc, Anson Thurmen, calf-roping and Walt Sullens, bull-riding.

Police Chief Percy Bennett, who estimated attendance of Saturday's two-hour parade at 35,000, said that plans for an even bigger and better parade and rodeo are already under way for next year.

Adult Class Subs for Saturdays

Adult school classes, rather than Saturday continuation classes have proved better for high school age students who are forced to work, according to a report to the Torrance Board of Education.

Last fall, special Saturday continuation classes for the 16 to 18-year-olds were discontinued and these students were given a chance to attend adult classes. This spring, 19 of them graduated and 38 completed the year.

Motorcyclist Gets 10 Days in Jail on Speed Charge

Patrick Edward McKesson of 1733 1/2 W. 251st St., Lomita, was slowed down considerably by Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett Thursday, when he sentenced him to 10 days in jail.

The defendant was found guilty of riding his motorcycle 85 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone on Sepulveda Blvd. May 5. In addition he was cited for failing to stop for a California Highway Patrol car and illegal muffler.

2nd; and Patty Martin—3rd. Best dressed western man—Charles Gregory—1st; J. R. Fears—2nd; and Lloyd Salisbury—3rd. Best dressed western, lady—Jean Garcia—1st; Marie Salisbury—2nd; and Babe Tapley—3rd. Jr. Equestrians, under 16 years—Dee Dee Cook—1st; Eddy Cleveland—2nd; and Denny Richardson—3rd. Mounted Group—Compton Riders Corral No. 18—1st; Northrop Riding Club—2nd; Long Beach Western Corral No. 1—3rd.

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